



## University Health System

Bexar County Hospital District

*An update on the construction projects at University Hospital and University Health Center - Downtown*

## Hospital architect & engineer search narrows to three contenders

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### What do architectural/engineering firms do?

Three award-winning and nationally recognized architectural/engineering (A/E) firms will compete in a design challenge to conceptualize their vision for the new trauma tower at University Hospital.

A total of 13 firms submitted proposals in response to University Health System's Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Architectural/Engineering Services for the University Hospital portion of the Capital Improvement Program.

Based on the initial evaluation, five firms were asked to make presentations to an evaluation committee last month. In addition to key members of the UHS leadership team, the committee also included UT Health Science Center physicians, UHS nurses and the VP of facilities management for the Harris County Hospital District.

From these presentations, the committee selected its top three. The University Health System Board of Managers evaluated the firms' qualifications and approved the list of finalists at a special meeting on March 24.



*The exact position and layout are to be determined, but the new 10-story, 488-bed tower will be located in front of the existing hospital.*

The teams competing in the design challenge are:

- Anshen + Allen with local A/E firms Lake Flato, Alamo Architects, O'Neill Conrad Oppelt, and Lopez Salas
- Perkins + Will with local A/E firms Garza/Bomberger, RVK, and Richard Sanchez
- RTKL with local A/E firms Overland Partners and Paul Anthony

Anshen + Allen are based in San Francisco. They are the largest firm specializing exclusively in healthcare and research architecture. Their proposal calls for 54 percent of the work

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It's true architects design floor plans and buildings, but the two firms ultimately awarded the contracts for A/E services on the new tower at University Hospital and the new facilities at University Health Center - Downtown will provide a wide range of services, including:

#### Design & Planning

- Pre-design
- Schematics
- Design development
- Construction Documents
- Ongoing consultation during construction
- Close-out & commissioning

#### Engineering

- Civil, structural, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, life safety, landscaping, code analysis & acoustical design
- Interior Design

#### Other Services

implementing energy saving/green innovations to attain LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environment Design) standards.



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included in the A/E contract to be performed by 15 local firms.

Perkins + Will is an international firm with a regional office in Dallas. They are consistently ranked among the top five healthcare architects worldwide. Their proposal calls for 12 local companies to perform 57 percent of the A/E related services.

RTKL is also an international firm with a regional office in Dallas. It is one of the largest national A/E firms with extensive healthcare industry experience. Their proposal calls for 12 local companies to carry out 37 percent of the contract services.

The three firms will meet with the evaluation committee together later this month to receive instructions and ask questions related to the design challenge, and their submissions will be presented in May. The recommendation will be brought to the Board of Managers on May 19 and the timeline calls for the A/E contract to be finalized in June or July.

## Consultant updates

The contracts are now completed with our overall program manager (Jacobs) and the site specific project managers (Broaddus + Muñoz for University Hospital and Parsons for University Health Center - Downtown). The Jacobs and Broaddus + Muñoz teams have already moved into office space at the hospital left vacant by the Information Systems staff's move to the new Data Center. The Parsons team will office downtown.

Our Materials Handling & Distribution consultant, Lerch Bates, is working on the space and system parameters related to materials handling, distribution and disposal requirements.

The firm of RTKL is serving as our Information Technology consultant and is currently analyzing the parameters related to IT.

A Request for Proposal for a food service consultant should be released in April. This consultant will develop a comprehensive plan for food services, including production, delivery method options, facility requirements, as well as operational and business planning services.



*The CIP Communications Team will be working with a consultant to place web cameras at both construction sites in order to provide anyone interested with a "real time" view of the progress.*

## Have a question?

The Target 2012: Capital Improvement Program is certainly the largest construction project in our history, and one of the largest ever undertaken in our community. So, interest is high from both internal staff members and the public at-large. Here are some frequently asked questions:

### **When will construction start?**

You will begin to see workers on site in the 4th quarter of this year. We are hoping to break ground on some parts of the project before the end of the year, or early next year

### **Where will I park?**

There will continue to be some parking on campus and we are negotiating a property lease close by. A report on staff parking accommodations will be released in the near future.

### **Will I lose my spot in the parking garage?**

Positioning options for the new tower are still being considered. Some include keeping the existing parking garage.

### **If I lose my spot in the garage, will I get priority to get one in the new garage? Yes.**

### **"I work late a lot. Will I have to walk off campus in the dark?"**

Your safety is our highest priority and this issue will be addressed.

### **The cafeteria is already crowded. Will the construction make it worse?**

The construction workers will not use the hospital cafeteria or restrooms. More staff may choose to not leave campus during the construction, so we are looking at ways to expand the current cafeteria size.

Next issue: Why is it called the *Trauma Tower*? [Click here](#) to submit a question on the Target 2012 Program.